Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 18 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021 at 04:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, wintry conditions on Wednesday being replaced by much milder conditions on Thursday and Friday. Some uncertainty over the arrival of colder weather over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 17 Nov 2021: Very cold and windy with wintry showers. Snow level slowly rising.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Sleet showers	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
80%	70%	60%	50%	50%	90%

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Weather: Frequent showers will continue to spread east across all ranges, blown in on strong to gale force winds. Showers falling as snow to 500-600m initially, but slowly rising to munro level by midday. Showers tending to fade through evening ahead of thicker cloud and periods of rain and drizzle spreading northeast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, falling 10% through evening.

Visibility: Showers will often bring cloud down to 500-700m so visibility will be very variable and fast changing above this level due to cloud and snowfall. Neighbouring slopes likely obscured by rain below this, but only for 15-30 minutes at a time. Cloud becoming increasingly extensive above 400-500m through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/48 W	41/48 W	39/49 W	36/46 W	32/41 SW	38/48 SW	43/56 SW
900	24/30 W	25/32 W	27/36 W	26/35 W	23/31 W	25/34 SW	31/43 SW
600	26/32 SW	27/33 SW	28/37 SW	27/36 SW	24/32 SW	28/37 SW	34/45 SW
300	13/17 W	13/18 W	14/24 SW	14/22 SW	12/19 SW	15/24 SW	19/31 SW
Glen	8/18 W	7/18 SW	11/24 W	11/23 W	9/20 SW	12/25 SW	15/31 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-13	-2/-11	-1/-10	-0/-9	1/-7	3/-4	5/-2
900	-0/-8	1/-7	2/-5	2/-4	3/-3	5/-1	7/1
600	2/-5	3/-4	4/-2	5/-1	5/-0	7/2	9/4
300	4/0	5/1	7/3	7/4	7/4	8/5	10/7
Glen	6/4	7/5	9/6	9/7	9/7	10/8	12/9
Freezing Level*	800m	1000m	1200m	1200m	1500m	2000m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A few centimetres of fresh snow is likely to build up through morning, especially on west facing slopes.

Forecast for Thursday 18 Nov 2021
Weather: A return to mild conditions as thick cloud and moist air spreads in from the Atlantic. Persistent gales and extensive low cloud will be significant hazards. Any lying snow will quickly melt as rain sets in across all ranges, predominantly light and more patchy towards Loch Lomond and across Mull.

Maximum wind: West 30-35mph gusting 40-50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Virtually no chance.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive and persistent above 300-500m. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy. Little change expected through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Around plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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